

FINAL APPROVED

BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2003 MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Michael Ridenhour, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology to order at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2003 in Board office at 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

Present:

Michael Ridenhour, Au.D.
Susan Chadwick, Audiologist
Perry Francisco, Citizen Member
Charles M. Johnson, III, MD
Angela Moss, SLP
Katrina Eid, Ph.D., SLP
Theodore Brown, Citizen Member

Staff Present:

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director, Board
Roscoe Roberts, Assistant Attorney General
Pam Horner, Administrative Staff Assistant, DHP
Elaine Yeatts, Sr. Policy Analyst, DHP

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended.

B. Approval of Minutes

With a properly seconded motion by Ms. Moss, the Board approved the minutes with corrections.

C. Public Comment

Dr. Brenda Ryals from James Madison University spoke about the proposed regulations and reiterated her written comments about: 18 VAC 30-20-170. Also, Dr. Ryals urged

the Board to consider temporary licensure prior to the clinical fellowship year and the removal of the word “regionally” accredited from the regulations.

D. New Business

Legislative/Regulatory Committee

Elaine Yeatts, Sr. Policy Analyst for the Department read the public comments regarding the proposed regulations. The Board received comment from DOE opposing the amendment adding AAA as an approved certification. DOE conveyed that DMAS (Medicaid) would reject licensure because they only recognized ASHA certified audiologists. Also, Ms. Yeatts read a letter from Dr. Nicholas Bankson of James Madison University conveying the same concerns as DOE. Dr. Johnson, Board member, conveyed that the Board must rely on professional competency and should not be concerned with Medicaid rules. The insurance requirements are the responsibility of the licensees.

The Board asked Susan Chadwick, Board member, and Ms. Young, Executive Director to research the credentialing of AAA and provide information to the Board at its next meeting.

Ms. Yeatts urged to the Board to try to meet prior to its May 2003. It would need to review all comments and voted on the final regulations. With a properly seconded motion by Ms. Moss, the Board voted to meet on March 22, 2003 at the SHAV Conference to review comments and vote on the final regulations.

Ms. Yeatts also provided information regarding the Board’s budget and current deficit position. With a properly seconded motion by Dr. Johnson, the Board voted to submit a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action to increase fees. Dr. Johnson moved to amend the motion by adding a fee for approval of continuing competency sponsors with a second by Dr. Eid. With a properly seconded motion by Ms. Moss, the Board voted to submit the amended NOIRA.

Lastly, the Board reviewed a draft continuing competency sponsor application. Ms. Francisco will provide comments to staff on further draft of application.

SHAV Conference

With a properly seconded motion by Ms. Francisco, the Board voted to send Ms. Moss and Ms. Chadwick to the SHAV Conference on behalf of the Board. Ms. Young is scheduled to make a presentation on March 22, 2003 from 10-11 on continuing competency requirements.

Request for Waiver of Late Fees

The Board received seven requests for waiver of late fees for renewal of licensees that expired on December 31, 2002: Kendis McAden, Elizabeth Dodd, Natalie Lyon, Robyn

Sclar, Sharon Altman, Denise O'Neil, and Laura Dowling. With a properly seconded motion by Ms. Francisco and with due consideration of all requests, the Board does not consider the reasons for waiver of sufficient merit to approve a waiver of late fees. Further, it was noted that the Board does not have the regulatory or statutory authority to waive any fees.

Request to attend Audiology Association Convention in Phoenix, Arizona

With a properly seconded motion by Ms. Francisco, the Board voted to approve the attendance of Dr. Ridenhour at the Audiology Association Convention if funds are available and with the Director's approval.

2003 Virginia General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of relevant bills in the 2003 Virginia General Assembly. Of specific interest, Ms. Yeatts discussed House Bill 1441 and its impact on the disciplinary process for the Department and the Board.

Professional News – AAA Articles

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Executive Director's Report

Ms. Young presented licensee statistics, case statistics, information on the budget and the Calendar for next year.

Adjournment:

Michael Ridenhour adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Michael Ridenhour, Chair

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director